The number of employees who avaited of Voluntary Retirement Scheme, as per information received from the Central Public Sector Undertakings, during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (as on 30.06.1994) are 38531, 30935, and 820 respectively. Retraining and counselling of rationalised workers have commenced on a pilot scale basis in the yea, 1993-94. As on 31.5.1994, a total of 266 workers had been retrained by the Employees Assistance Centres.

Industrial in vestment in the counts

2382. SHRI IQBAL SINGH; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to the answer to Unstarred Question 450 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th Inly, 1994 and State:

(.a) whether Government have given highest attention to investment in the fields °f chemicals, textiles, vegetable oils and vanaspati food processing, etc., to generate more employment in the^e sectors, and

(b) If so, what steps have so far been taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Government have, under the New Industrial Policy, 1991, delicensed textiles, vegetable oil and vanaspathi, food processing and most of the chemicals (except hazardous chemicals) with the objective of generating more investment and consequently employment. In addition, most of the chemicals, food processing, textile items have been accorded high priority status or foreign invest-ment.

r^nacial assistance for development of Khadi and Village Indurtrice

2-ii. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme lor the development and establishment of Khadi and Village In dustry in the country, particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details lhereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of financial assistance given to the States during the year 1993-94 in this Legard, State-wise; and

(d) the financial assistance proposed to be given during the year 1994-95, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY Ot INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM); (a) and d>) In addition to Khadi programme, 96 village Industries are implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) throughout the country including Punjab. The Union Government provides funds to KVIC by way of loans and grants for the development of KVI sector. KVIC jn turn provides funds t_0 different State/Union Territory KVI Boards' and directly aided institutions for implementing the different KVI Schemes in rural areas. In addition to its regular programme the KVIC has decided to extend special employment programme in select Districts in the country in order to create more and more employment opportunities in rural areas.

c) Based on the information provided by KVIC, a statement showing th* details of the financial assistance given to different states by KVIC during 1993-94 is placed. (See below}

Slate Wise aid year-wiss disbursement of Funds for development of KVl

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	1993-94
1	Andhra Pradesh	992.65
2	Arunachal Pradesh	53.48
3	Assam	115.12
4	Bihar	129.02
5	Goa	34.10
6	Gujarat	287.51
7	Haryana	371.99
8	Himachal Pradesh	176.02
9	Jammu & Kashmir	90.21
10	Karnataka	547.40
11	Kerala	344.14
12	Madhya Pradesh	423.74
13	Maharasiitra	1,117.60
14	Manipur	175.16
15	Meghalaya	44.20
16	Mizoram	185.25
17	Nagaland	159.25
18	Orissa	390.33
19	Punjab	248.63
20	Rajasthan	301.92
21	Sikkim	55.53
22	Tamil Nadu	735.17
23	Tripura	63.00
24	Uttar Pradesh	1,753.87
25	West Bengal	464.48
26	Andaman & Nicobar Island	..
27	Chandigarh	9.40
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	..
29	Delhi	58.51
30	Daman & Diu	..
31	Lakshadweep	42.19
32	Pondicherry	7.29
	TOTAL	9,356.96

(d) KVlC's budget discussions r^i the year 1994-95 with different KV1 Boards and institutions are in progress. Therefore jt wiU not be possible to give the details of the financial assistance proposed to be given to different states for the year 1994-95 at this stage.

Financial assistance to small scale industries in Punjab

2384. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formalatsd any scheme for the development of small scale industries in the country particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details therefor in this respect.

(c) if not. the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any financial assistance has been given to Punjab during the year 1993-94 for the development of Small Scale Industries; and

(e) the financial assistance proposed to be given during the year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Government of India through Small Scale Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) are implementing a number of Schemes for development and promotion of Small Scale Industries in the country. These Schemes are Tool Rooms and Training Centres, Regional Testing Centres, Field Testing Stations, Product-cum-Process Development Centres, Entrepreneural Development Programme, Industrial Management Training, Export Promotion. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana,; Integrated Infrastructu-ral Development Scheme, etc. The benefits under these schemes will also accrue to the small scale industries in Punjab.

(d) and (e) The approved outlays for VSI Sector of Punjab during 1993-94 and 1994-95 are Rs. 19.10 Crores and Rs. 21.99 Crores respectively.

Feuding proposals for setting up industries in Punjab

2385. SHRI IQBAL SINGH; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) the number of application/proposals' pending as on date with the Union Government for approval for
the establishment of Industrial Units in Pcnjao;

fb) *tha* amount involved in these proposals for setting up of new Industrial Units;

fe) the projected employment potentotals; arnt

ld) the time by when these proposals are likely to be cleared by Government?

INE MINISTER OF STA IE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI); (a) As on 1.8.94,, *A* applications for grant of Industrial Licences for setting up of industries in Punjab wer,, pending.

(b) The investment in fixed assets involved [n these applications amount (o Rs. 9098 lakhs.

(c) Tho projected employment in th,; above said applications is 3250 numbers

fd) All steps are taken for speedy disposal of applications. Actual disposal of applications depend on the sectoral policy adopted by the Administrative Ministry, their recommendations to specific cases and also furnishing of complete information by the applicant.

Sector-wise growth rate targets and achievements

2386. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) the sector-wise growth rate targetted and achieved during the last five years;

(b) the details of reasons for low growth rate achieved by these sectors in the recent years; and